(c) and (d) The Report is under active consideration of the Government.

Gini Ratio

2330. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gini Ratio which captures the consumption/expenditure has declined in rural areas as shown in the National Human Development Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the action plan with Government to improve the consumption expenditure of rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At the national level, the inequality in consumption expenditure as captured by the Gini Ratio has declined in rural areas from 0.298 in 1983 to 0.258 in 1999-2000. The decline has been faster between 1993-94 and 1999-2000 in comparison to the earlier period. The State-wise Gini Ratio for Per Capita Consumption Expenditure is enclosed as Statement *(See* below)

(c) and (d) The reasons for this decline are essentially due to reduction in the incidence of Poverty and inequality in the rural areas of the country. Reduction of poverty and inequality have been given a high priority during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Statement

Gini Ratio for Per Capita Consumption Expenditure

States/UTs	1983		1993-94		1999-2000	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	0.294	0.327	0.257	0.321	0.238	0.310
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	0.300	0.275	0.292	0.298
Assam	0.192	0.276	0.176	0.285	0.201	0.311
Bihar	0.256	0.301	0.221	0.309	0.208	0.318
Goa	0.287	0.297	0.286	0.273	0.248	0.271

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gujarat	0.256	0.172	0.236	0.285	0.233	0.288
Haryana	0.272	0.313	0.300	0.280	0.240	0.285
Himachal Pradesh	0.264	0.312	0.275	0.435	0.236	0.298
Jammu & Kashmir	0.222	0.238	0.234	0.282	0.184	0.223
Karnataka	0.303	0.334	0.269	0.315	0.241	0.321
Kerala	0.330	0.374	0.290	0.340	0.270	0.320
Madhya Pradesh	0.295	0.306	0.278	0.326	0.241	0.312
Maharashtra	0.285	0.337	0.301	0.350	0.258	0.345
Manipur	0.269	0.169	0.149	0.153	0.192	0.216
Meghalaya	—	—	0.271	0.239	0.149	0.205
Mizoram	0.141	0.187	0.165	0.174	0.188	0.237
Nagaland	—	—	0.153	0.195	0.155	0.206
Orissa	0.267	0.296	0.243	0.304	0.242	0.292
Punjab	0,279	0,319	0.264	0.276	0.238	0.290
Rajasthan	0.343	0.304	0.260	0.290	0.209	0.281
Sikkim	—	0.332	0.207	0.249	0.221	0.256
Tamil Nadu	0.325	0.348	0.308	0.344	0.279	0.398
Tripura	—	—	0.236	0.279	0.189	0.294
Uttar Pradesh	0.290	0.319	0.278	0.324	0.245	0-327
West Bengal	0.286	0.327	0.250	0.335	0.224	0.328
Andaman & Nicobar Island	0.303	—	0.231	0.365	0.215	0.235
Chandigarh	0.254	—	0.224	0.399	0.252	0.313
Dadra & Nagar	0.244	—	0.256	0.322	0.288	0.275
Daman & Diu	0.287	0.297	0.235	0.207	0.204	0.235
Delhi	0.314	0.332	0.235	0.376	0.155	0.342
Lakshadweep	—	—	0.227	0.299	0.186	0.235
Pondicherry	0.275	0.383	0.292	0.299	0.260	0.296
ALL IKDIA:	0.298	0.330	0.282	0.340	0.258	0.341

NOTE : For the year 1983. the data for Goa has been repeated for Daman & Diu.

SOURCE : Estimated from NSS 38th, 50th & 55th Rounds on Household Consumer Expenditure.